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November 1976

SUBJECT: Byron CAMERON (No 201)

U.S. citizen

1. Owner of vessel Cayman Hope.

2. a. UFGA 15233 dated 15 April 1964: (Filed with AMCANOE Op)

Report on a Byron CAMERON who said he represented an unidentified group of persons who had made contact with two Cuban gangsters who were willing to kill Fidel CASTRO. CAMERON reportedly was associated with a Mr. S.W. TYLER (no identifiable traces) of Caribbean Producer, Inc., Miami Springs, Fla., and Herbert F. JENNE (no traces) with the firm F.A. Johnson, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

b. UFGA 15954 dated 11 May 1964: (Filed with AMCANOE op)

CAMERON mentioned contact with unidentified group willing to assassinate selected Cuban leaders: Fidel CASTRO, Raul CASTRO and Che GUEVARA. CAMERON made fairly clear that the Mafia was involved.

c. HJKA-161 dated 1 March 1963 - 103-8-1

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[redacted] Dispatch from Kingston to Hqs. forwarding a report from [redacted] on the M/V Cayman Hope, its crew and owner (CAMERON). Stated that the Embassy had received a report from the Treasury Department which indicated heightened interest in the activities of Mr. Byron R. CAMERON.

d. WAVE 4993 (IN 26174) dated 19 Nov 64 19-6-104-4

CAMERON was sub-source for shipping information provided to Agency by AMWAX-1. Said that cargo vessel "SS New Providence" owned by Norbert Thompson of the Kel Farm Supply Company, was known to load merchandise in Miami, Fla., which was transshipped to Cuba.

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e. DBA 77673 (FB) dated 15 July 64 (Filed 19-9-9)

Plan of Cuban exile leaders to assassinate selected Cuban Government leaders. Cuban exile approached on 2 Mar 64 by owner of ship which sailed under British flag. Had contacts with underworld through partner who was former police officer from St. Louis with "tie-in" to elements of "Cosa Nostra." Cost was \$100,000.00 to kill Fidel CASTRO; \$20,000.00 each for Raul CASTRO and "Che" GUEVARA. Persons involved were Byron CAMERON, owner of M.V. "Cayman Hope," Teofilo BABUN Francos, co-owner of Antillean Marine Shipping Corp. and two BABUN employees: Oscar FERNANDEZ Veigo and Eliseo GOMEZ Fernandez, Jose "Pepin" BOSCH, and Julio LOBO Olavarria. Eduardo GARCIA of Garcia Lines, NYCity, also in contact with LOBO and BABUN.

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1. (a) Referenced in report from book 9, pages 241)

2. (a) paragraph 1 - 4 dated 11 October, 1968, it is further reported that the M/V COTTON HAM arrived at Key West and docked at Kerr & Company Wharf at about 1500 hours 22 November 1968. It sailed on the return trip to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 1300 hours same day.

2. (b) It brought a small cargo as under:-

- (a) files and bath for Peterfield Motel.
- (b) Chemicals for Mr. LAVOLEY of Pest Control.
- (c) A small boat for Mr. Frank LATTICE.

3. (a) As far as can be ascertained it sailed with no cargo but a small amount of whisky.

4. (a) It is reported that John LARSEN to whom previous reports refer in connection with the supply of merchandise on this boat to Cubans, is the local agent. LARSEN met the boat at sea on its arrival. After it was docked and processed, he left in town accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Bryan R. CAMERON (Americans), owners of the vessel. He returned later in the day and boarded the vessel. He again left and returned with the CAMERONS and left at about 1445 hours after having discussions with the Master of the vessel to whom he handed a letter.

5. (a) Following are members of the crew:-

- 17 (a) William D. SPARKS, (Master) 39 yrs. British;
- 17 (b) Joacelyn M. RIVETTE, (mate) 36 yrs;
- 17 (c) Reginald HARRIS, (1st. Engineer) 59 yrs;
- 17 (d) Geo. B. MURKIN, (2nd. Engineer) 22 years;

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NOTICE OF  
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1. (1) ROBERT LEWIS (Steward) 35 years  
2. (1) SPENCER BROWN (Passenger) 23 years  
3. (1) CLIFFORD PATRICK (Passenger) 33 years  
4. (1) STERLING MARKS (Passenger) 39 years

6. The vessel is expected to make approximately  
trips to Montego Bay.

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C DIR INFO FOR BARR (LONG LITE NOV 1964)  
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P SUPPLY AMAX-1 IN REPORT DTD 10 NOV 64. SUBSOURCE 18 [U.S.] CITIZEN  
BYRON CAMERON, OWNER OF VESSEL CAYMAN HOPE. PLS PROTECT. MINIPER  
INTEREST. ADDITIONAL FIELD COMMENTS BASED AMOT EE-1835 AND BARR 1173.

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I COUNTRY: CUBA/UNITED KINGDOM/UNITED STATES

C SUBJ: TRANSSHIPMENT OF CARGO FOR CUBA

O P DOI: PRIOR TO 10 NOVEMBER 1964

P DATA: UNITED STATES, MIAMI (16 NOVEMBER 1964)

UFG-6228

SOURCE: A CUBAN EXILE WITH EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN THE ANTILLEAN MARINE

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1. AS OF 10 NOVEMBER 1964, CREWMEN OF A CARGO VESSEL OPERATING  
IN THE MIAMI AREA SAID THAT ~~THE CARGO VESSEL "SS NEW PROVIDENCE" OWNED~~  
BY NORBERT THOMPSON OF THE KEL FARM SUPPLY COMPANY <sup>CHILMOR</sup> ~~WAS KNOWN TO LOAD~~  
~~MERCHANDISE IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHICH WAS TRANSSHIPPED TO CUBA.~~ THE  
VESSEL DECLARED AN UNSPECIFIED PORT ON GRAND CAYMAN, A BRITISH POSSESSION  
SOUTH OF CUBA, AS HER POINT OF DESTINATION. UPON ARRIVAL AT THE  
PORT, HER CARGO WAS UNLOADED ONTO THREE CARRIERS, THEN SHE SAILED TO  
A PORT AT THE END OF THE ISLAND AND RELOADED THE MERCHANDISE WHICH WAS  
THER SHIPPED TO PORTS IN ORIENTE PROVINCE, CUBA.

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2. THE CREWMEN DESCRIBED ONE SHIPMENT CONSISTING OF 3,000 AUTOMO-

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6126 BATTERIES WHICH WAS A CARGO FOR THE "NEW PROVIDENCE" DESTINED FOR  
GRANDE CAYMAN. IT IS KNOWN THAT THERE ARE NOT MORE THAN 300 AUTOMOBILES  
ON THE ISLAND.

3. FIELD COMMENT: ACCORDING TO LLOYD'S SHIPPING REGISTER, THE  
"SS NEW PROVIDENCE" HAS BEEN UNDER THE BAHAMIAN REGISTRY OF BAHAMAS-LA  
LTD, NASSAU, SINCE 1965. A CUBAN EXILE GROUP REPORTED THE OWNER OF  
THE VESSEL AS ~~MAURICIO RODRIGUEZ MACHACA, A DOMINICAN~~ <sup>CA</sup> <sup>DO</sup> IDENT OF  
INTER ISLAND SHIPPING CORPORATION, AS OF 25 SEPTEMBER 1965. MORGERT  
THOMPSON COULD NOT BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.

4. FIELD DISSEMINATION: CINCPAC, CINCLANT, COMINTFOR, MIAMI ROPS  
OF STATE, BORDER PATROL, CUSTOMS, COAST GUARD, FBI. (ALSO SENT  
[LONDON])

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~~Allied arrival of SS New Providence - cargo ship~~  
Suspectedly transshipment cargo to Cuba

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